

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please note that all claims currently pending and under consideration in the referenced application are shown below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Please cancel claims 9, 19 and 20 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please Amend claims 2, 16, 18, 22, 23 and 33 as set forth below.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 18, further comprising a stem extending from the hitch in a third direction, distinct from both the first and second directions, to support the hitch relative to the mount.
2. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim ~~1~~ 18, wherein the first direction and the second direction are substantially collinear and ~~extending~~ extend substantially opposite one another.
- 3-4. (Cancelled)
5. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the stem is rotatable with respect to the hitch .
6. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the stem is formed homogeneously with the hitch.
7. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the stem is substantially cylindrical in shape.

8. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the stem is rotatably coupled with the mount.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the stem is coupled to the hitch by an interface selected from the group consisting of threading, welding, bolting, swaging, riveting, and pinning.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a pedestal formed between the first ball and the at least a second ball, and wherein the stem is secured in fixed relation with respect to the pedestal.

13-15 (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim + 18, wherein the first ball exhibits a first diameter and wherein the second ball exhibits a second diameter different from the first diameter.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:
a base having a supporting portion to connect to a vehicle;
a mount, ~~having a first end pivotably secured to the base to support pitching of the mount~~
positionable with respect to the base between a stowed position wherein the mount is

juxtaposed adjacent the supporting portion of the base on a first side of the base and a deployed position ~~suitable for towing~~ wherein the mount extends from the base on a second side thereof; ~~and~~
a first locking structure located and configured to selectively maintain the mount in one of the stowed position and the deployed position;
a hitch coupled with the mount, the hitch including a first ball extending in a first direction, and at least a second ball extending in a second direction, distinct from the first direction wherein the first ball and the second ball are formed together as a homogeneous monolith of a single material; and
a second locking structure located and configured to selectively maintain the hitch at a selected one of a plurality of positions with respect to the mount.

19 – 20 (Cancelled)

21. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 33 wherein the hitch further includes an intermediate portion formed between the first ball and the at least a second ball, a first neck portion transitioning from the intermediate portion to the first ball and a second neck portion transitioning from the intermediate portion to the at least a second ball

22. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the at least a second ball is substantially spherical and solid across a diameter thereof.

23. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein the first ball, the at least a second ball and the intermediate portion are substantially collinear.

24. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the intermediate portion is substantially cylindrical.

25. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 21, further comprising a stem coupled to the intermediate portion of the hitch and the mount.

26. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 25, further comprising a fastener located and configured for selectively positioning the hitch relative to the mount.

27 - 32 (Cancelled)

33. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising;
a trunnion extending in a first direction;
a base having a first end and a second end, secured proximate the first end to the trunnion;
a mount secured to the base and positionable relative thereto between a first position wherein the mount extends from the base, and at least a second position substantially half a revolution from the first position wherein the mount is juxtaposed adjacent the trunnion;
a fastener engaging the mount to selectively position the mount with respect to the base in the first position and in the at least a second position; and
a hitch coupled with the mount, the hitch including a first ball extending in a first direction, and at least a second ball extending in a second direction, wherein the first ball and the at least a second ball are formed together as a homogeneous monolith of a single material.

Please enter new claims 34 through 36 as set forth below.

34. (New) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the first locking structure further comprises at least a first pin sized and configured for insertion through at least a first aperture formed in the mount and through at least one aperture formed in the base.

35. (New) The apparatus of claim 18, wherein the second locking structure further comprises at least a first pin sized and configured for insertion through at least a first aperture formed in the mount and through at least a first aperture formed in the hitch.

36. (New) An apparatus comprising;
a trunnion;
a base secured to the trunnion;
a mount securable to the base at a first position wherein the mount is juxtaposed adjacent the trunnion, and at at least a second position wherein the mount extends from the base in a second direction substantially directionally opposite the first direction;
a securing structure cooperative with the mount to selectively position the mount with respect to the base in the first position and in the at least a second position; and
a hitch coupled with the mount, the hitch including a first ball and at least a second ball, wherein the first ball and the at least a second ball are formed together as a homogeneous monolith of a single material.